[Urging the Chief of Police to Create a Comprehensive Plan and to Implement a Citywide Strategy on Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime with Focused Staffing at District Stations]

Resolution urging the Chief of Police to create a Comprehensive Plan and to Implement a Citywide Strategy on Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime with Focused Staffing at District Stations; and urging the Chief of Police to report on the execution of the plan.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors desires to strengthen existing structures within the Police Department to bolster the Department’s efforts to combat automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, residential burglaries, and other neighborhood property crime (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft), and to improve coordination and communication among different Police Districts and centralized units of the Department, including but not limited to the Crime Strategies Unit; and

WHEREAS, The Board desires to create transparency and accountability data metrics for automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other neighborhood property crime and for the Department’s efforts to combat such crime; and

WHEREAS, Police data show that from 2016 to 2017 automobile break-ins have increased 25% in San Francisco and in some neighborhoods have increased more than 50%; and

WHEREAS, Automobile break-ins are often devastating for people who depend on their cars to make a living and care for their families; and

WHEREAS, Automobile break-ins and bicycle theft can be detrimental to low income people who often cannot afford to fix a broken window or to buy a new bicycle; and

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WHEREAS, More than an estimated 3,800 bicycles were stolen last year with only 68
recovered by SFPD, costing San Franciscans an estimated cost of over $5 million; and
WHEREAS, There was a 70% increase in bicycle theft between 2007-2012; and
WHEREAS, Our communities deserve to have these issues dealt with effectively and
without delay; and
WHEREAS, The Chief of Police has informed the Board that he intends to hire a Crime
Strategies Coordinator that will be responsible for monitoring citywide crime trends, tracking,
mapping and investigative efforts, which will include addressing Neighborhood Automobile
Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime; and
WHEREAS, The Chief of Police has created a centralized General Crimes Unit that will
be responsible for investigating residential and commercial burglaries, and auto burglaries
involving serial burglars in multi-district neighborhoods; the General Crimes Unit will network
with District Station Captains and District staff assigned to focus on automobile break-ins,
bicycle theft, and other neighborhood property crimes to develop strategies to identify and
apprehend prolific property crime offenders; and
WHEREAS, As part of this Citywide coordinated effort, the Chief of Police also intends
to deploy officers in each Police District who will focus on proactively and comprehensively
preventing, reporting, and investigating automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other
neighborhood property crime; enforcing laws to deter neighborhood property crime; and assist
with responding to 911 and 311 calls for service related to automobile break-ins, bicycle theft,
and other neighborhood property crime; and
WHEREAS, District Station Captains will assign an officer focused on Automobile
Break-ins, Bicycle Theft, and Other Neighborhood Property Crime who will serve as a liaison
and coordinate with neighborhood community groups and provide the community with
information on crime strategies, trends, prevention and other data on property crime; and

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WHEREAS, Each District Station Captain will identify an officer who will be responsible for coordinating proactive and comprehensive crime deterrence strategies and assign the investigation of property crimes committed in their respective District boundaries through the use of data-driven, innovative investigative techniques and approaches, such as, neighborhood foot patrols, community education on crime prevention, use of undercover officers, and other appropriate strategies and tactics to prevent and address auto break-ins, bicycle theft, and other property crimes, with each District’s efforts; and

WHEREAS, District Station Captains will assign an officer focused on automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and neighborhood property crime issues to serve as the official point of contact for the public and community on the District’s property crime issues; and will actively communicate with the Crime Strategies Coordinator, share information with other Districts and with other City departments, at the direction of the District Captain and the Chief of Police to coordinate crime prevention strategies and resources for effective crime prevention efforts on a Citywide basis; and

WHEREAS, The Police Department will also support Districts by providing resources from centralized units; and

WHEREAS, District Station Captains will assign an officer who will be responsible for coordinating their District’s efforts on curtailing and investigating automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other neighborhood property crimes whose nature, frequency, or pervasiveness impairs the sense of security and quality of life of those who live or work in affected neighborhoods, including California Penal Code, Sections 459 (Auto Burglary and Residential/Commercial Burglary), 484, 487, and 488 (Theft of Property, including bicycle thefts); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Chief of Police to develop a Comprehensive Plan and to implement a Citywide strategy focused on neighborhood
Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and property crime with focused staffing at the District level; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to include in this Plan a Citywide coordinated effort through the hiring of a Crime Strategies Coordinator and commitment of District Station Captains to assign at least one officer at each Police District station focused on coordinating efforts deterring Automobile Break-ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property crimes; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to include in the plan strategies for reducing automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and residential burglaries, including; (1) encouraging full and open communication and collaboration among District Captains and staff focused on neighborhood property crime and community members; (2) development of neighborhood-specific priorities and strategies to reduce automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other property crimes; (3) the assignment of officers to foot patrols; (4) ensuring productive communication and coordination among the staff focused on neighborhood property crime in the different Police Districts and centralized units in the Department; (5) sharing property crime data with other City departments, Local, State and Federal law enforcement partners, including, but not limited to the District Attorney’s Office; and (6) sharing property crime data with the public online where appropriate and permitted by law; and to recommend initial minimum dedicated staffing levels for District’s efforts on addressing automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and property crime; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to share this initial Plan and Strategy to the Board of Supervisors within 60 days of this Resolution’s passage; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to submit to the Board of Supervisors a six-month report between June 1 and July 1 of next year and a twelve-
month report between November 1 and December 1 of next year on the plan’s execution; 
describing the Department’s progress on preventing and investigating automobile break-ins, 
bicycle theft, and other property crime in the City, including data and metrics stemming from 
the Department’s efforts; an, be it 

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the report should also identify if any further resources or 
funding are needed to support the plan’s success; and, be it 

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to submit to the 
Board of Supervisors a report annually every year thereafter; and, be it 

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board commits to dedicating necessary resources 
and funding to the Chief of Police’s comprehensive plan and Citywide Strategy to address 
automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other property crime.
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October 04, 2017 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - CONTINUED

October 11, 2017 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - CONTINUED

October 25, 2017 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

October 25, 2017 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

October 31, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/31/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

[Signature]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

[Date]